

REMARKS

The claims are 1 to 30.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

With regard to the rejections of claims 15 and 16 as lacking antecedent basis, this has been corrected by making claims 15 and 16 depend on claim 14.

Claims 1 and 18 have been amended to insert the feature of component (F). Support is evident from the disclosure of page 30 e.g. lines 26 to 30 of the present specification.

The significance of this feature will be discussed below.

Claims 1 to 13 and 17 to 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsunaga et al. (JP 2001-323149).

Further, claims 14 to 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitsunaga et al. (JP 2001-323149) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hiraishi et al. (WO 2002/099474).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

A brief discussion of the present invention will be of assistance in appreciating Applicants' reasons for traversal of rejection.

The light diffusion sheet of the present invention contains substantially no hindered phenol compound (component F). The light diffusion sheet has excellent brightness (page 30, lines 12 to 30 of the present specification).

On the contrary, the composition of Mitsunaga et al. contains 0.001-1.0 parts by weight of hindered phenol compound. Mitsunaga et al. states that when the content of hindered phenol compound is less than 0.001 parts by weight, a dry heat color change resistance or a melt color change resistance are deteriorated (paragraph [0066]). This passage is a disincentive to arrive at the present invention.

In comparing Example 19 and Comparative Example 4 of the present specification, the brightness of light diffusion sheet is deteriorated if the composition contains hindered phenol compound. The light diffusion sheet of Example 19 contains ADEKASTAB PEP-8 (Distearyl Pentaerythritol Diphosphite). The light diffusion sheet of Comparative Example 4 contains

IRGANOX 1010 (Pentaerythritol tetrakis [3-(3,5-di-t-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate]).

Other components are the same in both compositions. The comparative table is shown below.

The light diffusion sheet of Example 19 has an average brightness of 5690. The light diffusion sheet of Comparative Example 4 has an average brightness of 5590. The difference of average brightness is 100. The brightness of Example 19 is essentially the same as Examples 20 to 22. The brightness of Comparative Example 4 is apparently lower than these Examples.

			Example 19	Comparative Example 4
	PC (A)	Mv = 23900	96.5	96.5
Component (Parts by weight)	Fine particles (B)	PARALOID EXL5136	3.5	3.5
	Heat stabilizer (C)	ADEKASTAB PEP-8	0.1	-
		Trimethyl Phosphate	0.05	0.05
	Ultraviolet absorber (D)	CHEMISORB 79	0.27	0.27
	Fluorescent whitening agent (E)	KAYALIGHT OS (Benzoxazole based)	0.02	0.02
	Hindered phenol (F)	IRGANOX 1010 (Comparison)	-	0.1
Evaluation Results	Average brightness	cd/m ²	5690	5590
	Total Light Transmittance	%T	55	54
	Diffusibility	°	47	47
	Weather Resistance	Initial YI	4.4	4.7
		YI after 250 hrs. Initial YI (= ΔYI)	4.1	4.2

The light diffusion sheet of the present invention has excellent brightness. Mitsunaga et al. is silent about an improvement of brightness.

Those skilled in the art could not arrive at the light diffusion sheet as presently claimed, containing substantially no hindered phenol compound having excellent brightness, light diffusibility and weather resistance.

The present light diffusion sheet having a protective film is also unobvious from Mitsunaga et al. in view of Hiraishi et al., even if Hiraishi et al. discloses a protective film.

There is nothing in Hiraishi et al. which overcomes the above-discussed deficiencies of Mitsunaga et al.

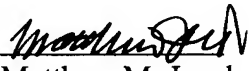
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No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>14-16</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-13, 17-30</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-30</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2001-323419 A (Teijin Kasei Kabushiki Kaisha), 20 November 2001 Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

Document 2: JP 9-96705 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 08 April 1997, Par. Nos. 0001, 0031 to 0032; Fig. 14 (Family: none)

Document 3: JP 11-326610 A (Nitto Denko Corp.), 26 November 1999, Full text; all drawings (Family: none)

The inventions in claims 1-10, 12, 13, 17-28, and 30 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1 and 2 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes an optical diffusing composition that is essentially the same as the inventions in claims 1-10, 12, 13, 17-28, and 30, made from an aromatic polycarbonate resin and polymer particles and including, as thermal stabilizers, a phosphate compound (including trimethylphosphate), a phosphate compound (including pentaerythritol diphosphate compounds), a phosphonite compound, and an ultraviolet absorber and fluorescent brightener.

Document 2 describes the general structure of a direct backlight type liquid crystal display device with a diffuser plate.

Here the selection of the type of thermal stabilizer could be obtained appropriately as required by a person skilled in the art. Thus the combination of document 1 and document 2 to produce the invention in claims 1-10, 12, 13, 17-28, and 30 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

The inventions in claims 11 and 29 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1, 2, and 3 cited in the ISR.

Document 3 describes setting the thickness of the diffusion plate in a liquid crystal display device, or the like, as appropriate based on, for example, the desired strength of optical diffusion, and describes setting the thickness to between 1µm and 3mm.

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Consequently, the adding of the general technical aspect described in document 3 to the invention in document 1 and document 2 to produce the invention according to claim 11 and 29 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

The inventions in claims 14-16 are neither described nor suggested in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor found to be obvious to a person skilled in the art.